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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 1-19 that are pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-19 have been amended to place them in better form for U.S. practice. Applicants have requested that the Examiner accept the attached substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b) and M.P.E.P. § 608.01(q) in lieu of a listing of changes to be made to the original literal translation of the priority application.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments herein.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any fees due and owing in connection with this matter, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

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